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SUBJECT: NOIWON Upgrade (Your ltr, 5 Aug 83) (U)

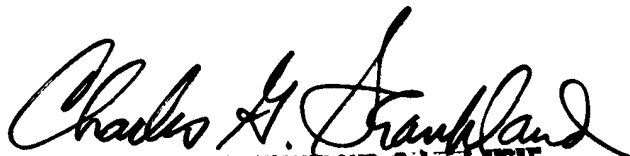
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1. (S) We fully support the need to upgrade and modernize the NOIWON system by acquiring improved equipment and to improve system flexibility allowing the addition of new conference originators [redacted] The result of this design and acquisition effort, however, should be a system which can be tailored to the individual needs of each facility. Suggest also that funding details be worked out early on to give each facility a better idea of the costs these upgrades will entail.

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2. (S) With respect to the proposal for limiting the number of conferees on any particular call, while it might save time on setting up individual conferences, it will in the long run probably create more overall communications problems. Facilities who did not get the initial "word" will tie up other lines attempting to acquire the same information. Also, an integral aspect of the NOIWON upgrade effort should be the simultaneous standardization of procedures and adequate training at all locations to ensure all participants understand the purpose of the system and how to properly use it.

3. (S) As a final suggestion and given the importance and complexity of this upgrade, we believe the NOIWON upgrade should be tied in more closely with the Project Medusa effort since data passed over the NOIWON has as much utility for crisis management as it does for I&W, and the fullest possible systems integration would seem to be in our common interest.

  
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